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1. EMBASSY SUPPORTS HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THIS VALUABLE SEMINAR ON TRACK IN ALL THREE VOCATIONS. FROM THE BEGINNING WE HAVE FOLLOWED ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND FACILITATED CONTACTS BETWEEN Y.C. DUNN OF THE CETDC AND MR. CHAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES. THE SEMINAR'S THEME IS MOST APPROPRIATE, AS TOY EXPORTS HAVE GROWN FROM ONLY 35 MILLION IN 1971 TO 170 MILLION IN 1977, AND ARE EXPECTED EASILY TO TOP 200 MILLION THIS YEAR. FURTHER RAPID DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED, AS INVESTMENT IN TOY MANUFACTURING PLANTS FLOWS IN FROM HONG KONG AND JAPANESE FIRMS FACED WITH HIGHER LABOR COSTS AT HOME. AS A CONCRETE MEASURE OF ITS SUPPORT, THE GROC BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS AGREED TO PICK UP MUCH OF THE COST SO THAT CHINESE FIRMS MAY ATTEND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR FREE OF CHARGE.

2. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF GROC ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE SEMINAR, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A DECISION TO SEND A CPSC DELEGATION TO TAIWAN'S ARCH-COMPETITOR, HONG-KONG, BUT TO BYPASS TAIWAN, WOULD NOT BE WELL-RECEIVED HERE

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS HEGINBOTHAM URGE MS. KING TO PERMIT THE CPSC MEMBERS TO ADHERE TO THEIR ORIGINAL SCHEDULE TO COME TO TAIWAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT SEMINAR. UNGER

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